

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1790, National Defense Authorization Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4587–S4667

Measures Introduced: Forty-nine bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1999–2047, S. Res. 267–271, and S. Con. Res. 21. **Pages S4627–29**

Measures Reported:

S. 580, to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the “Former Presidents Act of 1958”, with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–53)

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Measures Passed:

National Defense Authorization Act: By 86 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 188), Senate passed S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by the order of the Senate of Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S4589–S4604**

Adopted:

By 90 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 187), McConnell (for Romney) Amendment No. 861 (to Amendment No. 764), to provide that funds authorized by the Act are available for the defense of the Armed Forces and United States citizens against attack by foreign hostile forces. **Pages S4599–S4600**

McConnell (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 764, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4604**

Withdrawn:

McConnell Amendment No. 864 (to Amendment No. 863), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4599**

McConnell Amendment No. 863 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 764), to change the enactment date. **Page S4599**

McConnell Amendment No. 862 (to Amendment No. 861), to change the enactment date. **Page S4599**

Pending:

Udall Amendment No. 883, to prohibit unauthorized military operations in or against Iran. **Pages S4619–21**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 87 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 186), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 764 (listed above). **Page S4599**

McConnell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 865, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on McConnell (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 764. **Page S4600**

McConnell Amendment No. 866 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 865), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 865 (listed above) fell. **Page S4600**

McConnell Amendment No. 867 (to Amendment No. 866), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 866 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 865) fell. **Page S4600**

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, June 26, 2019, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn. **Page S4604**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Udall Amendment No. 883 (listed above), to the bill, as amended, at approximately 5:00 a.m., on Friday, June 28, 2019, under the order of Wednesday, June 26, 2019. **Page S4665**

TANF block grants: Senate passed H.R. 2940, to extend the program of block grants to States for

temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through September 30, 2019. **Page S4648**

Medicaid community mental health services demonstration program: Senate passed S. 2047, to provide for a 2-week extension of the Medicaid community mental health services demonstration program. **Pages S4648–49**

Stonewall uprising 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 270, recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall uprising. **Page S4649**

Collector Car Appreciation Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 271, designating July 12, 2019, as “Collector Car Appreciation Day” and recognizing that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States. **Page S4649**

Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 50, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S4649**

McConnell (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 904, to amend the authorization amount. **Page S4649**

Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 212, to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4649–52**

McConnell (for Hoeven) Amendment No. 905, to improve the Indian Economic Development Feasibility Study. **Page S4650**

Supplemental Treaty Between the United States of America and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon: Senate passed S. 832, to nullify the Supplemental Treaty Between the United States of America and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon, concluded on November 15, 1865. **Page S4652**

Tanana Tribal Council and Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation: Senate passed S. 224, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska. **Pages S4652–53**

PROGRESS for Indian Tribes Act: Senate passed S. 209, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian Tribes. **Pages S4652, S4653–60**

Esther Martinez Native American Languages Programs Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 256, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages. **Pages S4652, S4660**

Native American Business Incubators Program Act: Senate passed S. 294, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities. **Pages S4652, S4660–62**

Tribal HUD–VASH Act: Senate passed S. 257, to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans. **Pages S4652, S4662–63**

Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Equitable Compensation Act: Senate passed S. 216, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam. **Pages S4652, S4663–64**

Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Repeal Act: Senate passed S. 46, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act. **Pages S4652, S4664**

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act: Senate passed S. 199, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal land in the State of Minnesota for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. **Pages S4652, S4664**

National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month and National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 220, designating the month of June 2019 as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month” and June 27, 2019, as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4665**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader, and Senators Graham, Lankford, and Tillis be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from June 27, 2019 through July 8, 2019. **Page S4645**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding

the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S4648**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 4:45 p.m.; Friday, July 5, 2019, at 11:45 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, July 5, 2019, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, July 8, 2019. **Page S4665**

Bress Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S4643**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, June 27, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2019. **Page S4643**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4643**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4643**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, July 8, 2019. **Page S4665**

Wetherell II Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of T. Kent Wetherell II, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida. **Pages S4643–44**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Daniel Aaron Bress, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S4644**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4643**

Leichty Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Damon Ray Leichty, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. **Page S4644**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of T. Kent Wetherell II, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida. **Page S4644**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4644**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4644**

Ranjan Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of J. Nicholas Ranjan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S4644**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Damon Ray Leichty, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. **Page S4644**

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King Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education. **Page S4644**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of J. Nicholas Ranjan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S4644**

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Pallasch Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robert L. King, of Kentucky, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Wright Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John P. Pallasch, of Kentucky, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during the session of Thursday, June 27, 2019 ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 8, 2019.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Christopher Scolese, of New York, to be Director of the National Reconnaissance Office.

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Gary B. Burman, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

William D. Hyslop, of Washington, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington for the term of four years.

Randall P. Huff, of Wyoming, to be United States Marshal for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

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Veronica Daigle, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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Robert Wallace, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

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Aimee Kathryn Jorjani, of Wisconsin, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for a term expiring January 19, 2021.

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Lane Genatowski, of New York, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, Department of Energy.

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Ronald Douglas Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

David Michael Satterfield, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

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Aditya Bamzai, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring January 29, 2020.

Travis LeBlanc, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2022.

Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2025.

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2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

29 Army nominations in the rank of general.

23 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—188)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:10 p.m., until 5 a.m. on Friday, June 28, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4665.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from Kimberly Reed, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine options for the interim and long-term storage of nuclear waste, including S. 1234, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, after receiving testimony from John Wagner, Associate Laboratory Director, Nuclear Science and Technology Directorate, Idaho National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Geoffrey H. Fettus, Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., and Maria Korsnick, Nuclear Energy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Steven P. Nesbit, American Nuclear Society Nuclear Waste Policy Task Force, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Wayne Norton, Yankee Atomic Electric Company, East Hampton, Connecticut, on behalf of the Decommissioning Plant Coalition Steering Committee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Daniel Habib Jorjani, of Kentucky, to be Solicitor, and Mark Lee Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1227, to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 440, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide that a patent owner may not assert sovereign immunity as a defense in certain actions before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1224, to enable the Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1416, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit anticompetitive behaviors by drug product manufacturers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Peter Joseph Phipps, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Charles R. Eskridge III, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, William Shaw Stickman IV, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Jennifer Philpott Wilson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and Wilmer Ocasio, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico, Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 69 public bills, H.R. 3524–3592; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 50; and H. Res. 467–472 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 466, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3401) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–130);

H.R. 3153, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on opioid addiction, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–131);